



Laura Newkirk

January 23, 1933 - January 7, 2010

Laura Ayars Newkirk, age 76 passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Southgate Health Care Center in Carneys Point. Born in Camden, daughter of the late William S. and Eva Newton Matlack, she was raised in the Penns Grove – Carneys Point area and was a former resident of Salem. Mrs. Newkirk was employed by Anchor Glass Container Corp. in Salem until 1973. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Pennsville where she belonged to the “Joy Circle”. She was an avid doll collector and enjoyed doing crafts, crocheting, needlepoint and traveling. Mrs. Newkirk was predeceased by a daughter, Sharon Harris, husbands, Donald Ayars and Clifford “Dink” Newkirk, a grandson, Tom Harris and a sister, Bertha Roberts. Surviving are her children, Carol Jean Reed and her husband Earl of Pennsville, Donna Caulfield and her husband Harry of Woodstown, Donald Ayars and his wife Tammy of West Virginia and Dorrie Johnson of Pennsville, 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, five step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren. A viewing will be held Monday evening from 7 to 9 PM in the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville. Funeral services will be conducted 10 AM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will follow in East View Cemetery, Salem. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pennsville Fire and Rescue Co. 1, 91 First St., Pennsville, NJ 08070. www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com